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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: STRAUSS-USHIBA MEETING ON MAY 24,REF;GENEVA 7245
TOKY 8680

1. EMBASSY TOKYO REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO USHIBA'S OFFICE
FOLLOWING U.S. THOUGHTS ON STRAUSS-USHIBA MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 24 IN LOS ANGELES.

2. SINCE MINISTER USHIBA AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL BE
IN LOS ANGELES ON OTHER BUSINESS THE WEEK OF MAY 22, BOTH
SIDES AGREED TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD A MEETING TO
REVIEW STATUS OF MTN RELATIONS AND BILATERAL ISSUES. WE
DO SEE MEETING AS A TIME TO ADVANCE THE PROCESS TOWARD
POLITICAL LEVEL AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE NEEDED AT THE
JUNE 20 STRAUSS USHIBA MEETING ON SPECIFIC CONTESTED
POINTS. THIS SESSION WOULD BE LARGELY A DISCUSSION OF
WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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3. IN THIS CONTEXT, FIRST MTN ISSUE AMBASSADOR STRAUSS
WILL WANT TO DISCUSS IS THE SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS IN U.S.-
JAPAN BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD HOPE
USHIBA WILL BE PREPARED TO PROPOSE A WORK PROGRAM TO MOVE
U.S.-JAPAN AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. FYI-STRUSS
WILL TAKE TACK PROPOSED BY US MTN DEL (GENEVA 7245) END
FYI. -

4. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO GIVE
PRELIMINARY U.S. REACTION TO NEW GOJ POSITION ON
PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

5. ANOTHER POSSIBLE MTN SUBJECT IS POSSIBILITY OF
U.S.-JAPAN POLICY LEVEL REVIEW OF MTN CODES (TOKYO
8680).

6. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL ALSORAISE BILATERAL ISSUES,
SUCH AS STATUS OF UPGRADING OF TFC.

7. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY
ASSISTANT STR BARREDA. VANCE

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